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BY ECF

The Honorable Analisa Torres  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Omar Arias Casilla, 21 Cr. 218 (AT)  
**Request for Leave to Late-File Opening Brief**

Dear Judge Torres:

The Defendant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court excuse the Defendant's late-filing of his opening brief. The brief was due on February 17, 2023. I completed and will file the Defendant's brief today, the next business day - February 21, 2023.

I was close to finishing the brief on the evening of February 17, 2023, but wanted to review it again with fresh eyes (and have my associate review it as well) to make sure it was of sufficient quality to submit to the Court.

I had hoped to file on time, but because of my schedule, was unable to. A family trip to the Seychelles consumed most of January and I ended up with a packed calendar through February. Last week, for instance, I had two cases go to trial that seemed unlikely to go forward. Several cases before the First Circuit and Massachusetts appellate courts have also come due more or less at the same time.

GRANTED. The Court will consider Defendant's late-filed brief.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2023  
New York, New York

  
ANALISA TORRES  
United States District Judge